

## FUN IN THE SUN

## CEREMONIES

### A Piece of the Sun

Sam Houston Area Council

Setting – 4 Cub Scouts with a large picture of the sun on poster board. Cut the picture into quarters with the appropriate verses on the back. Scene – Scouts approach either the flag or the Cubmaster, read the lines and hold the piece of the sun up for the audience to see. Each subsequent Scout adds to the sun “picture” after he shares his verse with the group, so that after Cub #4, the picture of the sun is complete.

Cub #1

Here I hold a piece of the sun  
It keeps us warm most days.  
Especially when we play outside  
We appreciate its rays.

Cub #2

Here I hold a piece of the sun  
It reminds me of summer break.  
We swam, we biked, we ran, and laughed  
And my family went boating on a lake.

Cub #3

Here I hold a piece of the sun  
It reminds me of Scouting, too.  
A bright year we can see before us  
Because of all we will get to do!

Cub #4

Here I hold a piece of the sun  
Glad to finish this art.  
We look forward to learning Scouting’s ideals  
And holding them close to our heart.

Cubmaster – Will you please rise and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance?



### Sunshine

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Setting – 8 Cub Scouts with poster boards with the letters to S-U-N-S-H-I-N-E on the front and the appropriate verses on the back. Scene – Scouts in a circle or horseshoe around the flag. If Scouts are in a circle, those in the back should hold up their letters higher and those in the front a little lower. Have the first “S” at approximately 9:00 on the circle.

Cub #1 S Summer is coming to a close and a new Scouting year is almost  
Cub #2 U Underway. We are looking forward to fun den meetings, learning  
Cub #3 N New skills, and doing cool projects. One of the great things about Cub  
Cub #4 S Scouts is also making more new friends every year! We are  
Cub #5 H Here tonight to showcase all the great stuff we’ve done over this summer.  
Cub #6 I In case you hadn’t heard, we did some really  
Cub #7 N Neat activities these past few months and we are very  
Cub #8 E Excited to share them with you. All the fun will start just after our opening, so please stand up and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **The Red, White & Blue of It Flag Ceremony**

Here's to the RED of it  
There's not a thread of it,  
No, nor a shred of it,  
In all the spread of it,  
From foot to head of it.  
But heroes bled for it,  
Faced steel and lead for it,  
Precious blood shred for it  
Bathing it in RED.

Here's to the BLUE of it,  
Beauteous view of it,  
Heavenly hue of it,  
Star-spangled view of it  
Constantly true;  
Athletes team for it,  
States stand supreme for it  
Liberty dreams of it  
Brightens the BLUE!

Here's to the WHITE of it,  
Thrilled by the sight of it,  
Knowing the right of it,  
Feeling the might of it  
Righting others' plight;  
Government cares for it,  
Citizen prayers for it  
Terrorists despair of it  
Keeping it so WHITE.

Here's to the whole of it  
Stars, stripes and pole of it,  
Body and soul of it  
O, and the roll of it,  
Sun shining through;  
Hearts in accord for it  
Thanking the Lord for it.  
RED, WHITE AND BLUE!

### **Fun in the Sun Opening**

Heart of America Council

**Cub #1:** We know a place where we can find, Fun things to do of every kind.

**Cub #2:** We can spy a sneaky snake, Fill an ant farm in a shake.

**Cub #3:** Chase the butterflies flying by, Jump the fence—it's not too high.

**Cub #4:** Hear the crickets serenade, Sit on the grass drinking lemonade.

**Cub #5:** Games of all sorts we do play, And this is the way we pass our day.

**Cub #6:** From spacemen to jungles we explore, Cleanup here is not a chore.

**Cub #7:** We show our muscles with feats of skill, And even for meals we don't sit still.

**Cub #8:** The first one able to climb the tree, Tells all the others what he can see.

**Cub #9:** The dirt and grime that's left on me, Shows how much fun it is to be,

**All:** While playing in the summer sun!!

### **Swimmer's Advancement**

Sam Houston Area Council

*Materials* – diagram made of poster board or a sheet colored blue imitating water gradually getting deeper, fish made out of cardboard, as many different sizes as you have ranks to present.

Cubmaster: (*Placing smallest fish in shallow water*) A new swimmer starts out in shallow water, and the first step is to learn how to maneuver in the water, just as our beginning Scout is becoming familiar with Cub Scouting. The first part of becoming a Cub Scout is earning the rank of Bobcat. Would the following boys please come forward? (*Award badges.*)

(*Place next to smallest fish in slightly deeper water.*) As our swimmer becomes stronger, he moves further into the water and discovers new territory. Just as our fish is developing, so is our

Cub Scout. The next rank is that of Tiger. Would the following boys please come forward?

*(Award badges)*

*(Place 3<sup>rd</sup> fish further out in the water.)* Our swimmer has learned and grown, and can now move further out into the water and can maneuver faster in the water. Just like the fish, the Cub Scout is learning and meeting more challenges and is becoming more acquainted with the pack. The next rank is that of Wolf. Would the following boys please come forward? *(Award badges and/or arrow points.)*

*(Place 4th fish)* Our swimmer continues to learn and grow and do more things in the water. He can now swim faster and farther and even do some tricks in the water. The next rank is that of Bear. Would the following boys please come forward? *(Award badges and/or arrow points.)*

*(Place last and largest fish in deepest water.)* Our swimmer has finally reached the stage where he can go into the deepest water and has learned quite a lot about the water and its characteristics. This stage of growth is like that of the Webelos. The Webelos Scout has matured and learned much; he is getting ready to move into Boy Scouts. Would the following boys please come forward? *(Award Webelos badge and/or activity pins.)*

Just as the swimmer develops and ventures into deeper and deeper water, our Scouts are learning and developing skills that will help them as they move into Boy Scouting and beyond. Let's give all our Scouts a round of applause for their achievements this month.

### **Picnic Advancement**

Heart of America Council

Props: Picnic basket; Paper plates, Cups, Utensils, etc.--items needed for a picnic.

Cubmaster: We have several Cub Scouts to honor today for the hard work they have done since our last meeting. With the paper plates, we have the Bobcats. (Call boys and parents forward. Pull from a picnic basket Bobcat badge attached to a paper plate--one plate per recipient. Present awards and give congratulations. Present other badges, activity badges, and arrow points attached to plastic forks, spoons, paper cups, etc.)

You have seen all of the things that help make a picnic meal fun, except the food. These young men and their parents represent the things that makes the pack grow and thrive. They are as important to a pack as food is to a picnic. Let's wish them well as they continue on their trail in Cub Scouting.

### **Induction of a New Cubmaster**

Heart of America Council

**PERSONNEL:** Leader, Akela, new Cubmaster, spotlight operator.

**EQUIPMENT:** Spotlight, chair, table, beaded bag, Indian head dress, Indian blanket, four candles.

**ARRANGEMENT:** The lights are darkened on the stage except for the spotlight, which is focused on Akela's face or head with as small a beam as possible. The leader and the new Cubmaster wait at the back of the room.

**Leader:** Great Akela, there is a brave among us who has chosen to accept the mighty challenge to become like you and accept the position of Cubmaster and Akela of Pack [number].

**Akela:** Does this brave know of the responsibility and challenge before him/her?

**Leader:** Yes, Akela, and he also agrees to seek further knowledge at your council fires. He now awaits your acceptance of him/her.

*(The audience forms two lines, making an aisle for the new Cubmaster and the leader to walk to the stage.) (As Akela and the leader come to the front, the spotlight follows them. The Cubmaster stands before the table between Akela and the leader.)*

**Akela:** Please be seated. Do you, [name], accept the challenge and responsibility set before you?

**Cubmaster:** I do.

**Akela:** *(To the Cubmaster.)* Light the first candle. *(He does.)*

**Leader:** This light represents enthusiasm. Nothing great is accomplished without enthusiasm. If you agree, light the second candle and pledge your enthusiasm.

**Cubmaster:** *(He lights the second candle.)* I so pledge.

*(The leader places the beaded bag over the Cubmaster's shoulder.)*

**Akela:** Will you, [name], attend training, pow-wow, and roundtables, so that the knowledge you find there can make our pack run better and make you a better Cubmaster? If so, state "I will"

**Cubmaster:** I will. *(Akela places the headdress on the Cubmaster's head.)*

**Akela:** Now light the third candle. *(The Cubmaster lights the candle.)*

**Leader:** [Name], we give you now the gift of admiration, for never has there been a worthy chief who was not admired by his tribe. Do you now pledge that you will continue to strive to be worthy of this admiration? If so, speak the words, 'I do.'

**Cubmaster:** I do. *(Akela places the Indian blanket over the Cubmaster's shoulder.)*

**Akela:** Light the fourth candle. *(After lighting the candle, the Cubmaster faces the audience and raises his arms to the outstretched position.)*

**Cubmaster:** May the great spirit look favorably on our pack and guide us throughout this life. *(The spotlight goes down from full to small, focusing on his face, and then goes out.)*

## **What Shall You Give? Closing**

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Setting – 6 Scouts and Cubmaster. Each Scout has a phrase to say – place on the back of a poster with an appropriate picture or have him memorize it.

Scene – Scouts form a line and hold up the poster/picture as his turn arrives.

Cub #1: What shall you give to one small boy?

A glamorous game, a tinsel toy?

Cub #2: A whittling knife, a puzzle pack?

A train that runs on curving tracks?

Cub #3: A picture Amok, a real live pet –

No, there's plenty of time for such things yet.

Cub #4: Give him a day of his very own –  
Just one small boy and his dad alone.

Cub #5: A walk in the woods, a romp in the park,

A fishing trip from dawn til dark.

Cub #6: Give the gift that only you can –

The companionship of his old man.

Cubmaster:

Games are outgrown and toys decay –

But he'll never forget if you give him a day.

## **Cubmaster Minute**

*Sam Houston Area Council*

Tonight we've had some fun in the amazing sunshine. It's almost as amazing as our Cub Scouts. They are just as intense and just as glowing as our sun because of the ideals they share and the achievements they earn. The Aims of Scouting – character, citizenship, and fitness, shine brightly in our Cub Scouts, and we encourage them to work hard and have fun as they continually discover new ways to make their light shine.

## **Sun Screen Cubmaster Minute**

Heart of America Council

**Props:** A bottle of sun screen

"Remember the last time you got a bad sun burn? It caused you much pain for several days didn't it? You probably didn't even realize that it was happening. Sun screen could have prevented it. Our parents are like sun screen. They can be used in situations we don't even know can hurt us. It pays to listen to our parents."

## **Cubmaster Minute:**

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark.

One: Don't miss the boat.

Two: Remember, we are all in the same boat.

Three: Plan ahead - it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark

Four: Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really important.

Five: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Seven: Speed isn't always an advantage. Snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Eight: When you're stressed, float awhile.

Nine: Remember the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

Ten: No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

## **Closing Thought** (read by Cubmaster):

This is a little story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done, and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was

Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody

wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody

could have done! So, the next time Somebody asks you to do something, just remember Anybody

can do it, but Nobody will if you don't.